

REMARKS

I. THE STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 4-7 are pending.

II. THE SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended to reference the parent application (now abandoned).

III. THE 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH, REJECTIONS

The Office Action maintains the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. In response, claims 1-3 are canceled to obviate any basis for the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, are respectfully requested.

IV. THE INDICATION OF ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge and greatly appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 4-7 are allowable.

V. CONCLUSION

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Office require anything further, it is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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